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SUBJECT: POST DELIVERS USG GOALS FOR EXPANDED IRAQ
NEIGHBORS MEETING

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Classified By: Deputy Chief of Mission Michael Gfoeller
for reasons 1.4(b) and (d).

[¶1.](#) (C) Deputy Chief of Mission Michael Gfoeller delivered reftel demarche to HRH Prince Turki bin Faisal, Head of Political Affairs at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs. Prince Turki asked for further clarification of the support mechanism-- which was provided, then questioned whether Iraqi Prime Minister al-Maliki is capable of bringing about national reconciliation. He stated that al-Maliki is aligned with Iran and "everyday Iran is gaining and Saudi Arabia and the United States are losing."

[¶2.](#) (C) Prince Turki ended his remarks by stating that he will pass our message to Foreign Minister Prince Saud al-Faisal, whom he confirmed will be attending the Expanded Iraq Neighbors Meeting in Istanbul next month.
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